

Annual chess tournament coming up

An invitation is extended to all Perth County schools to participate in the 33rd Annual Perth County Elementary School Chess Tournament on Wednesday April 2, to be held at the Army Navy Airforce Veterans hall from 9:15 am till 4pm.

The tournament is divided into four categories--junior team, junior individual, senior team, and a senior individual.

The Elementary Chess Tournament co-ordinator Susan MacDonald says, "Right now we have 121

students registered for the competition and are expecting more registrants."

The event was in jeopardy of falling by the wayside until MacDonald stepped up. As a concerned parent she wanted to ensure that event continued to run.

"There are some awesome chess players out there, says," MacDonald, "There were not enough people to run it, and I didn't want to see the tournament go by the wayside."

Trophies will be provided by the Optimist Club of

Stratford and will be presented to the winners of each category.

MacDonald's goal is to turn the Stratford tournament into a qualifier for the provincial tournament, which takes place at different venues annually across Ontario hosted this year at Preston High School in Kitchener, Waterloo.

Interested participants can check with their schools regarding registration or contact Susan MacDonald svoisinmacdonald@aol.com for more information.